

may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

#### Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate, at 2:05 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

#### APPENDIX.

##### Enrolling Committee Reports.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills has carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 1, and finds it correctly enrolled, and has this day at 10:25 o'clock a. m. presented same to the governor for his approval.

DARWIN, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills has carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 2, and finds it correctly enrolled, and has this day at 10:25 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

DARWIN, Acting Chairman.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Monday, May 3, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Wiley.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Bee.	Gibson.
Breistford.	Harris.
Cowell.	Henderson.
Darwin.	Hudspeth.

Johnson.	Page.
Lattimore.	Parr.
McCollum.	Smith.
McGregor.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Townsend.
Morrow.	Westbrook.
Nugent.	Wiley.

#### Absent.

Astin.	Hall.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Harley.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Clark.	Robbins.
Conner.	

Prayer by Senator Lattimore.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Cowell.

#### Bills and Resolutions.

By Senators Suiter and McNealus:

S. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of promoting, improving and assisting in the development of the country schools of the State by the appropriation of \$500,000 each year, or such part thereof as may be necessary, for the next two fiscal years ending August 31st, 1916, and August 31st, 1917, respectively, by allowing the State Board of Education to aid any one school in any sum not exceeding \$600.00 in any one year; and providing that schools receiving such aid be located and constructed in certain way, and have certain and necessary equipment; and providing for the employment of competent teachers; and said Act further providing that no school in a town of more than 1000 inhabitants, as shown by the last United States census shall receive such aid; and providing that such schools receiving such aid shall have had certain percentage of attendance, with exceptions; and providing course of study for such country schools and giving the State Board of Education the power to establish rules and regulations for the organization of such country schools and otherwise carrying out the intentions of this Act; and defining the powers of the State Board of Education; and defining the duties of county superintendents in making reports and certifying the same to the State Superintendent under the terms of this Act; and providing that said schools can accept the benefit of this Act without waiv-

ing the benefits and privileges of other laws; and providing the manner of distribution and disbursements of all money granted under the provisions of this Act, and creating an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

#### Simple Resolution No. 5.

By Senator Westbrook:

Whereas, the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature enacted a law appropriating \$25,000 for the extermination of bubonic plague bearing rats, and,

Whereas, the Austin American of May 1st makes the following statement with reference to same:

"It was intimated yesterday that the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the extermination of bubonic plague bearing rats, which was passed at the regular session of the Legislature, was primarily the cause of the wholesale slaughter of the State Health Department's appropriation.

"When the bill was first introduced in the Senate it was strenuously objected to upon the grounds that a portion of the money was to be used to create a salary for the assistant health officer and one or two other officials, who were connected with the health department in an advisory capacity. This was denied, and after rocking back and forth the bill was finally passed. Since the bill has been enacted into law it is said that \$2,400 has been deducted from the rat killing campaign funds and has been used as a salary for a health official. The excuse made for this action is that the present incumbent of the office has been made active head of the rat killing campaign and that the \$2,400 is paid him for this work and not for his work as assistant health officer.

"In addition to this salary, which is within \$100 of the salary paid the health officer, Dr. W. R. Collins, and \$400 more than is paid the Secretary of State and the heads of some of the other departments, it is alleged that other salaries have been deducted on the grounds as those given for paying the assistant health officer.

"When this fact came to the ears of some members of the appropriation committee it created a stir and it was decided then that the health

department should be made to suffer for what was called its breach of faith.

"Although the department is making strenuous efforts to have an additional appropriation made in order to be able to carry on the work already mapped out, it was said yesterday no additional funds would be forthcoming unless some explanation was made relative to the payment of salaries from the rat appropriation."

Therefore, Be it resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to make an investigation of this matter to ascertain whether said report is true, that said appropriation is being diverted from its original purpose, and report back to the Senate the result of its findings and recommendations in the matter.

After discussion Senator Westbrook offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by striking out the last two paragraphs of the Austin American's report.

On motion of Senator Nugent further consideration of the resolution was postponed until tomorrow, following the conclusion of the morning call.

#### Simple Resolution No. 6.

By Senator Lattimore:

Whereas, in the daily press of this date appears a statement from Frank Walsh which contains the following language: "We found in Texas conditions bordering on serfdom. We found in numerous localities the women and children of Texas are in the same condition that confronts the women and children in the cruel, crowded and congested districts of some of our factory towns, plus loneliness and lack of educational facilities;" and,

Whereas, such statements sent broadcast over the land are calculated to seriously injure the fair name and reputation of our State as well as to give a false impression of conditions in Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That from our personal knowledge of conditions in our districts, representing the entire State, and reasonably familiar with conditions therein, that said statements of Mr. Walsh are unwarranted and incorrect, and contrary to conditions in Texas; that

there is no country in the United States or elsewhere where conditions are better and opportunities greater, and where the greatest freedom and liberty are given and guaranteed to every citizen, from the lowest to the highest, and that we challenge the fullest investigation and invite the laboring men and their wives and children to come from the "cruel, crowded and congested districts" of the eastern and northern cities to cultivate the untilled lands of our imperial domain, where their children will be furnished free education, and we invite Mr. Walsh to come and make more of an investigation than he can carry on in a few days in a committee room at Dallas.

We believe that when he has slaked his thirst in our crystal springs, and cooled the tip of his tongue in the juice of East Texas strawberries and Elberta peaches and comforted his inner man with the "ham what am" and steaks from our West Texas cattle, eaten with good solid cornbread and hot biscuits, followed by wheat cakes from North Texas, smothered in Uvalde honey and washed down by Jersey buttermilk from Honey Grove, that he will be better fitted to express to the world words which shall truly reflect conditions in grand old Texas.

LATTIMORE,  
HENDERSON,  
HUDSPETH,  
NUGENT.

Senator McNealus offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Strike out all of page 2 after the words "Texas," in line 7, and all of page 3, except the signatures to the resolution.

Senator Lattimore et al. offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Substitute for pending amendment:

Amend resolution by striking out the last paragraph, beginning, "We believe," etc., and inserting following:

"We believe if Mr. Walsh had gone over the state and gotten a view of conditions as they are, he would not have uttered words which are unfair and unjust to our state, and its people and conditions.

"We respectfully ask that the press of the country give to our denial and

protest the same publicity as to Mr. Walsh's statement."

LATTIMORE,  
HUDSPETH,  
HENDERSON,  
NUGENT,  
GIBSON.

The substitute was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bee.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McGregor.
Cowell.	Nugent.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harris.	Smith.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Nays—1.

Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Brelsford.	McNealus.
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Absent.

Astin.	Harley.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Conner.	Morrow.
Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Robbins.

On motion of Senator McGregor, the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to send an official copy of the resolution to Mr. Walsh.

#### Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled, "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of judges, and for the support of the Judicial Department of the State government for two years, beginning September 1, 1915, and ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

**House Bill Referred to Committee.**

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Wiley, referred, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

H. B. No. 3, referred to Committee on Finance.

**Simple Resolution No. 7.**

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Darwin:

I move that J. C. Son be appointed Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and J. F. Gilbert be appointed Assistant Calendar Clerk.

**Adjournment.**

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate, at 12:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**APPENDIX.****Committee Report.**

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the collecting, properly housing and protecting, maintaining and exhibiting at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, during the year 1915, the varied resources and products of the State of Texas, that better markets may be created for such resources and products, and for the disseminating of market information; that the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used in furtherance of said purpose, and that said funds be expended by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission and the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

COWELL, Chairman.

**FIFTH DAY.**

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, May 4, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Wiley.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Nugent.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harris.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

**Absent.**

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Harley.	Page.

**Absent—Excused.**

Conner.	Robbins.
Hall.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Smith.

See Appendix for standing committee reports.

There being no other routine business, the morning call was announced as concluded.

**Excused.**

On account of important business: Senator Astin, for yesterday, on motion of Senator Bee.

Senator Hall, for yesterday, today and indefinitely, on motion of Senator Smith.

Senator Bailey of Harris, for yesterday, on motion of Senator Smith.

Senator Conner, for yesterday and today, on motion of Senator Henderson.

**Simple Resolution No. 4.**

Senator McNealus called up, and the Chair laid before the Senate,